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**From:** Stepp, Cathy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=BEFDAFC0FA1A425EAE232F60AD9BDA1D-STEPP, CATH]  
**Sent:** 8/27/2018 2:37:38 PM  
**To:** Thiede, Kurt [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3cc09fac5acc4ce1ba689fb2ce70d459-Thiede, Kur]  
**CC:** Kelley, Jeff [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e154fa5a5f744c70aa3da58e3f87aabe-JKelley]; Payne, James [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=61b3204a683041079512b122c580a569-Payne, Jame]; Nam, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a2653f1ddd59470688ba557dd84d9690-Nam, Ed]  
**Subject:** Re: Facebook - Willowbrook, IL

Thanks

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On Aug 26, 2018, at 5:39 PM, Thiede, Kurt <[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)> wrote:

FYI - not for forwarding, just for your information.

Kurt Thiede  
Chief of Staff  
EPA Region 5

Sent from my iPhone...please excuse my typos.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Woods, Clint" <[woods.clint@epa.gov](mailto:woods.clint@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 26, 2018 at 5:33:24 PM CDT  
**To:** "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>, "Koerber, Mike" <[Koerber.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Koerber.Mike@epa.gov)>, "Davis, Alison" <[Davis.Alison@epa.gov](mailto:Davis.Alison@epa.gov)>, "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>, "DeLuca, Isabel" <[DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov](mailto:DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov)>, "Thiede, Kurt" <[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Lewis, Josh" <[Lewis.Josh@epa.gov](mailto:Lewis.Josh@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Facebook - Willowbrook, IL

All,

FYI - If possible, could we schedule some time tomorrow morning w/ OAQPS, OPA & R5 leadership to discuss? Mayor is interested in holding a public meeting Tuesday with EPA and ATSDR.

Thanks.

Clint

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Grantham, Nancy" <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 25, 2018 at 9:39:01 PM EDT  
**To:** "Woods, Clint" <[woods.clint@epa.gov](mailto:woods.clint@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Facebook - Willowbrook, IL

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kelley, Jeff" <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 25, 2018 at 6:05:07 PM EDT  
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy"  
<[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Facebook - Willowbrook, IL

FYI

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**Jeff Kelley**  
*Director, Office of External Communications*  
*U.S. EPA Region 5*  
*ph: 312-353-1159*

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Thiede, Kurt"  
<[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 25, 2018 at 5:03:53  
PM CDT  
**To:** "Payne, James"  
<[payne.james@epa.gov](mailto:payne.james@epa.gov)>, "Kelley,  
Jeff" <[kelley.jeff@epa.gov](mailto:kelley.jeff@epa.gov)>, "Nam,  
Ed" <[nam.ed@epa.gov](mailto:nam.ed@epa.gov)>, "Deamer,  
Eileen" <[deamer.eileen@epa.gov](mailto:deamer.eileen@epa.gov)>,  
"Bassler, Rachel"  
<[Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov](mailto:Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Facebook -  
Willowbrook, IL

FYI - Here is what the Facebook site  
says. Had a good conversation with  
the mayor and his staff.

Will be forwarding them what we  
shared earlier this week as well as  
Ed's contact info and link to the EPA  
website.

Kurt

Kurt Thiede

Chief of Staff  
EPA Region 5

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my typos.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kurt Thiede

**Personal Email / Ex. 6**  
[com](mailto:kurt.thiede@epa.gov)>

**Date:** August 25,  
2018 at 4:44:54 PM  
CDT

**To:**  
[thiede.kurt@epa.gov](mailto:thiede.kurt@epa.gov)

**Subject: Facebook -  
Willowbrook, IL**

An important message  
from Mayor Frank  
Trilla

I am deeply  
concerned about a  
new federal agency  
report alerting our  
village to a public  
health hazard in our  
community. The  
Village of  
Willowbrook was  
notified of hazardous  
emissions in the air  
from Sterigenics  
International, Inc.,  
located at 830  
Midway Drive  
(directly north of the  
Willowbrook  
Municipal Complex)  
and 7775 Quincy  
Street (directly east of  
the Willowbrook  
Municipal Complex).  
The Willowbrook  
facilities provide  
sterilization services  
to the medical,  
pharmaceutical and  
food industries.

The United States

Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) states in a report Sterigenics was found to be producing ethylene oxide (EtO) gas at levels that could pose a public health hazard and was directed to take immediate action to reduce the emissions.

Since the village was notified Tuesday and received the report from the USDHHS on Wednesday, we have been exploring all of our options.

Members of the village administration and I encourage you to read the federal report which we have posted on the villages website.

We are working around the clock to gather more information. Today, Representative Jim Durkin and State Senator John Curran met with village administrators and me, and spoke with the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requesting assistance. DuPage County officials and the DuPage County Health Department are also working with us to gather more information.

On the federal level  
we have reached out  
to Congressman Bill  
Foster and U. S.  
Senators Durbin and  
Duckworth. In  
addition, we will be  
hiring independent  
experts to help assess  
the situation including  
an environmental  
specialist.

As a 30-year resident  
of Willowbrook and  
as Mayor, I remain  
committed to the  
safety of our village.  
As we learn more  
information, we will  
forward it to you  
through our website  
and on my Facebook  
page.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Frank Trilla

[https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HAC/pha/sterigenics/Sterigenics\\_International\\_Inc-508.pdf](https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HAC/pha/sterigenics/Sterigenics_International_Inc-508.pdf)

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